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Applicant	:	Travis Hess et al.	
Title	:	ENERGY ABSORPTION BRACKET	
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

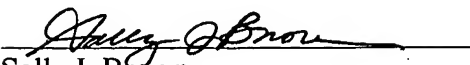
This paper is submitted in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 4, 2004. Applicants elect the species of Figure 2 for consideration at this time. Claims 1-6, 8, 11-16, 18-21, and 29-33 read upon the elected species. Applicants believe that claims 1-4, 6, 12-16, 18-19, and 29-33 are generic to all species.

Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species.

If the Examiner requires any further information he is requested to contact the undersigned.

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